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DEPARTMENT PASS USNMR/SHAPE FOR POLAD

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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES' VISIT TO ANKARA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT ANKARA SAUVAGNARGUES INTENDS TO
PRESS TURKS TO MOVE ON CYPRUS AND MAY OFFER FRENCH GOOD
OFFICES (NOT MEDIATION). QUAI ALSO ASKS DEPARTMENT FOR
INFO CYPRUS PLANS AND PROSPECTS TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

2. REUILLARD, QUAI OFFICER IN CHARGE GREECE, TURKEY,
CYPRUS AFFAIRS, TOLD US OCTOBER 30 THAT SAUVAGNARGUES
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WILL FOCUS ON TWO MAJOR THEMES DURING HIS TWO-DAY VISIT

TO ANKARA BEGINNING EVE NOVEMBER 2.

3. FIRST, SAUVAGNARGUES WILL MAKE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT PERSUADE TURKS THAT FRANCE IS NOT ONE-SIDED PARTISAN OF GREEKS BUT THAT IT IS IN FRANCE'S INTEREST AS MEDITERRANEAN POWER TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE IN AREA. REUILLARD THOUGHT SAUVAGNARGUES WOULD EXPLAIN FRANKLY THAT GISCARD ATHENS VISIT HAD BEEN EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY IN GREECE, WITHOUT WHICH NO GREEK-TURKISH SETTLEMENT SEEMS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, GISCARD'S EFFORTS IN ATHENS WERE BY NO MEANS INTENDED SUGGEST THAT FRANCE WAS ESPOUSING GREEK SIDE ON ISSUES AT DISPUTE.

4. SECOND, CENTRAL THEME OF VISIT WILL, OF COURSE, BE CYPRUS. REUILLARD SAID SAUVAGNARGUES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PUT FORWARD DETAILED SUGGESTIONS AND DISMISSED IDEA OF A "GISCARD PLAN" (ATHENS 8264, ANKARA 8059) AS A RED HERRING. HE WILL HOWEVER SAY CLEARLY THAT TURKS HAD SPOKEN IN PAST OF TWO PRE-CONDITIONS FOR GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, THE LIFTING OF THE US EMBARGO AND THE RECENTLY HELD TURKISH ELECTIONS. BOTH CONDITIONS HAVE NOW BEEN MET. SAUVAGNARGUES WILL, THEREFORE, TELL TURKS IN CLEAREST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT TIME HAS NOW COME FOR THEM TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT MOVE, SPECIFICALLY BY AGREEING TO RESUMPTION OF INTER-ZONAL TALKS EITHER AT NEW YORK OR AT VIENNA.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION REUILLARD SAID SAUVAGNARGUES WILL OFFER FRENCH GOOD OFFICES BEFORE OR DURING SUCH RESUMED TALKS, ALTHOUGH NOT TO EXTENT OF OFFERING ANY MEDIATION. AS FRIENDS OF BOTH PARTIES FRENCH WOULD BE PREPARED, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, TO MAKE SUCH EFFORTS AS THEY CAN TO HELP OVERCOME DIFFICULT POINTS.

6. IN CYPRUS CONTEXT REUILLARD THEN SAID QUAI WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING WHATEVER INFORMATION WASHINGTON COULD PROVIDE TO UPDATE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH SAUVAGNARGUES ON CYPRUS IN NEW YORK. SAUVAGNARGUES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE INTERESTED IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS OF RESUMED U.S. NEGOTIATIONS ON U.S. BASES IN TURKEY.
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MORE IMPORTANTLY, FRENCH WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON INITIATIVE U.S. HAS RECENTLY TAKEN ON CYPRUS, PARTICULARLY ON PLANS WE MAY HAVE FOR CYPRUS ACTIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS. REUILLARD NOTED POLITELY BUT POINTEDLY IN THIS CONNECTION THAT QUAI HAD NOW ESTABLISHED THAT GISCARD HAD MADE POINTS U.S. HAD SUGGESTED (STATE 215655) IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH CARAMANLIS IN ATHENS AND HAD PARTICULARLY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF

GREECE'S NOT REACTING TO LIFTING OF US-TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. REUILLARD SUGGESTED THAT QUICK U.S. RESPONSE TO THIS INFORMAL FRENCH REQUEST WOULD SIMILARLY SERVE JOINT INTERESTS IN TURKISH-CYPRUS PROBLEM.

7. SAUVAGNARGUES WILL ALSO DISCUSS NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES IN ANKARA INCLUDING MID-EAST, LEBANON, CSCE, PERHAPS THE GISCARD VISIT TO MOSCOW, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND ISSUES INVOLVING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. QUAI DOES NOT EXPECT TURKS TO ASK FOR FRENCH SUPPORT FOR EEC MEMBERSHIP; NOR WILL FRENCH TRY, SAYS REUILLARD, TO SELL ARMS TO TURKS, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IF SUBJECT IS RAISED.

8. AS FOR ASSASSINATION OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN PARIS, REUILLARD SAID THAT QUAI UNFORTUNATELY HAD NO NEW INFORMATION WHATSOEVER AS TO IDENTITY OF ASSASSINS AND THAT SPECULATION CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON ARMENIAN GROUPS AND ON THE EOKAB.

9. REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION: WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE VERY USEFUL IF WE COULD MAKE PROMPT SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO FRENCH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PARA 6 ABOVE. SAUVWGNARGUES' STAFF LEAVING FOR ANKARA SATURDAY MORNING. TO BE MOST USEFUL REQUEST REPLY BY 5 P.M. PARIS TIME OCTOBER 31. RUSH UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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